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| Reason | Example (quote/passage from speech) | Explanation |
| 1 More powerful metaphors | 1 “quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality”-excellent imagery-compares struggle to a storm | 1 creates a more powerful image- helps reader understand the message of his speech |

More powerful allusions

Reason #1: The first reason that (Martin Luther King’s) speech is better is that it uses more powerful metaphors.

Example #1- For example, in his speech it states that their “quest for freedom left …[them] battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality” which provides excellent imagery for the reader by comparing their struggle to a storm.

To come up with the explanation- Ask- “What is it about my reason and example that proves the point I am trying to make?”

Explanation #1- Since this creates a more powerful image for the readers to help understand the message of his speech it makes it better.

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| 2More powerful allusions | 2“For whites only”- illustrates an example of how African American people have been treated-shows segregation from whites | 2Helps reader understand why people are fighting for their rights (unfair treatment) –helps get message to people |

Reason #2- A second reason his speech is far superior is because it has more powerful allusions.

Example #2- To demonstrate this, in the speech it alludes to signs that say “For whites only” which illustrates a specific example of how African American people have been treated by being segregated from white people.

Explanation#2- Hence, it helps get the message of the speech to people because it helps them understand how unfairly they have been treated, and why they are fighting for their rights.

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| 3More powerful descriptions | 3Describing Mississippi as a state “sweltering with the heat of oppression” – we can relate because we know what really hot conditions feel like | 3 captures readers imagination –makes them imagine how difficult struggles people have gone through -strengthens message |

Reason #3- Lastly, “I have a dream” is exceptional compared to “Lament for Confederation” because it utilizes more powerful descriptions.

Example #3- For instance, it describes Mississippi as a state “sweltering with the heat of oppression”which people can relate to as everyone knows how really hot conditions make people feel.

Explanation #3- Since this captures the readers attention, it helps them imagine how difficult the struggles African American people have gone through, and strengthens the message, making the speech more persuasive.